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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Polynucleotide Constructs for Increased Lysine Production**
Inventors: Li *et al.*
Our Ref: 1533.2640001/MAC/M-G

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (8 sheets);
3. Copies of twenty-six (26) cited documents; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extension of time is necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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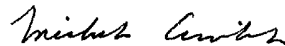
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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The numbering on this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' Second Supplemental and Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements filed October 31, 2002 and herewith, respectively, in connection with the above-captioned application. A copy of each document is also provided.

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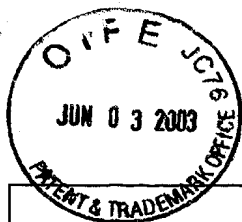
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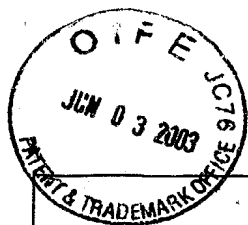
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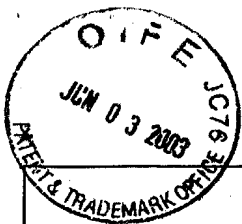
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